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**Straight Talk with State Agencies
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Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)

About the OPSC

- Under the authority of the State of California's Department of General Services
- Staff to the State Allocation Board (SAB)
- Implements and administers a \$35 billion voter-approved school facilities construction program



OPSC Mission

To enrich the lives of California's school children as stewards of the taxpayers' commitment to education

OPSC Focus

- Improving customer relationships
 - Pre-meetings to resolve issues
 - Personalized assistance in determining what funds a district qualifies for
 - Improving customer communications
- Provide outstanding service
 - Boosting staff's skills – customer service training
 - Easy access to free information - up-to-date website
 - Outreach opportunities



Upcoming Bond Sale

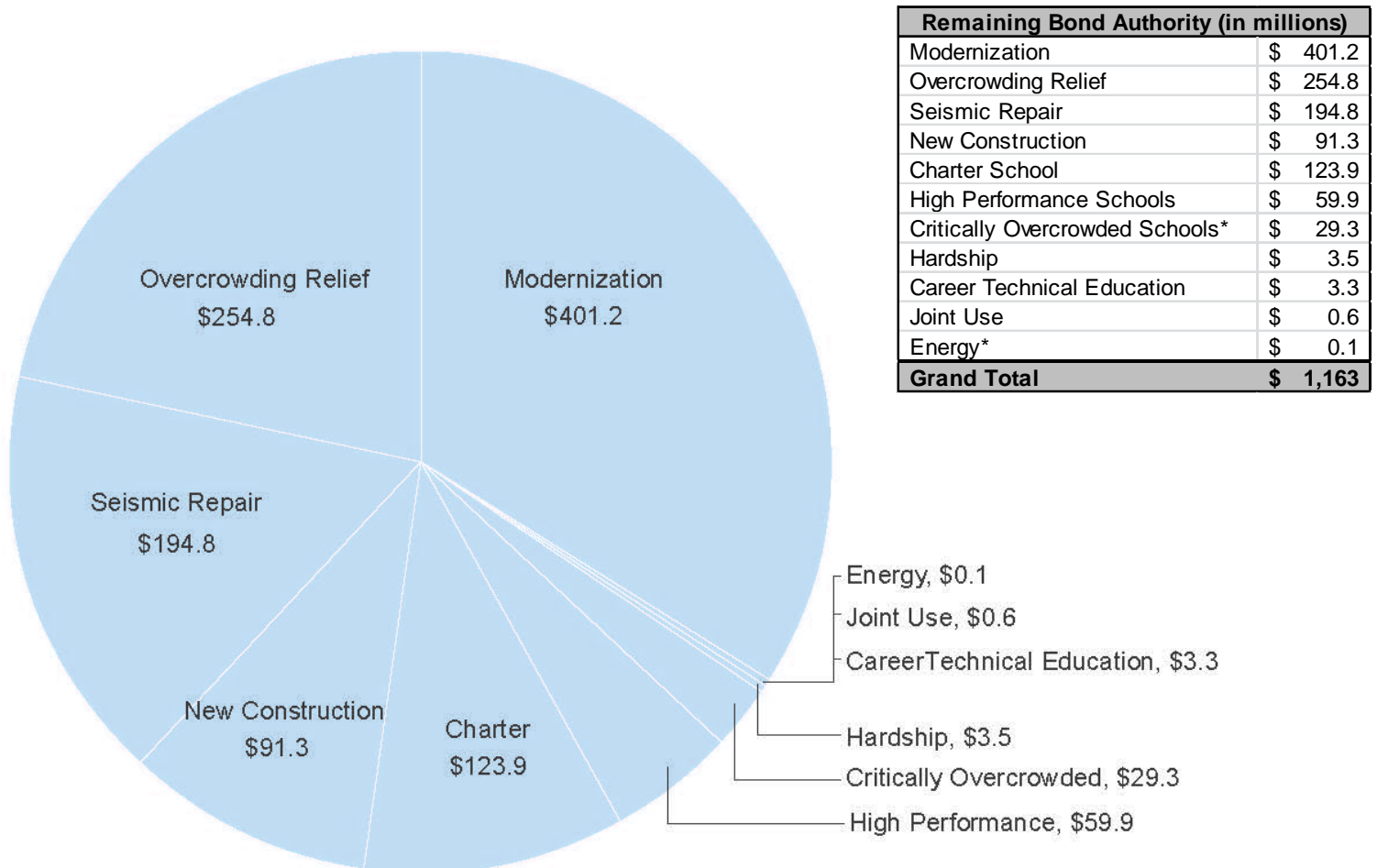
- **Proposed April 12, 2012 Bond Sale**
 - General Obligation Bonds – combination of new money and refunding
 - Anticipated amount of \$1.3 billion
 - How much for school construction?



Remaining Bond Authority - \$1.163 billion

(by program, in millions)

as of March 28, 2012 (includes March 2012 SAB actions)



New Construction Bond Authority

- New Construction funding applications exceed remaining bond authority – list available on OPSC's website.
- OPSC is continuing to receive and date stamp applications beyond the remaining bond authority.
- OPSC will provide written acknowledgement.
- No guarantee of available funds or a guarantee of when the application will be processed.
- The Implementation Committee is discussing development of a method for tracking these projects.



SAB Programs

School Facility Program

- New Construction
- Modernization
- Critically Overcrowded Schools
- Joint-Use
- Charter School Facilities
- High Performance Incentive
- Career Technical Education Facilities
- Overcrowding Relief Grants
- Seismic Mitigation
- Facility Hardship

Deferred Maintenance Unused Sites

Priority Funding Overview

Regulations took effect July 27, 2011

- 2 certification filing rounds completed



Priority Funding Overview

First filing round ended August 25, 2011

- 504 certifications from 187 school districts received
- 377 apportionments approved at Dec. 14, 2011 SAB
 - \$923.6 million total
- 346 Form SAB 50-05s received*
 - 99% of apportioned projects have requested a fund release
- \$893.3 million released*
 - 97% of apportioned funds released

* As of April 6, 2012

Priority Funding Overview

Second filing round ended February 9, 2012

- 250 certifications from 117 school districts received
- 15 apportionments approved at March 28, 2012 SAB
 - \$56.8 million total

Priority Funding Overview

- Unfunded Approval
- Priority Funding Certification
 - Financial Hardship Re-Review
- Apportionment
- Fund Release



Tips for Unfunded Approvals

- Unfunded approvals are not a guarantee of funding
- Be familiar with the Priority Funding rules
- Be prepared to submit a Priority Funding certification letter
- Financial Hardship applications will be subject to a re-review process if their project has been on the unfunded list for more than 180 days.



Tips on Priority Funding Certification

- Current certifications valid until July 10, 2012
- Third certification period starts July 11, 2012 and ends on August 9, 2012.
- Please note that holidays and weekends are included in the 30-day period.



Tips on Priority Funding Certification

- Update your District Representative on the *Eligibility Determination* (Form SAB 50-03).
- Know your project's construction type for certification requirements or fund release requirements.
- Don't submit copies or PDFs.
- Include all projects in one letter.
- Hand delivery goes to the OPSC Business Services office.
- Bring a copy as proof of submittal.



Tips on Priority Funding Certification

REQUIRED

- District Letterhead
- Name of School
- OPSC Project Number
- Original Signature

OPTIONAL

- Include District Representative's phone number with extension.
- Alternate District Representative and phone number with extension.
- Consultant's name with a phone number.



Tips on Priority Funding Certification

REQUIRED TEXT

- The District understands that the Time Limit on Fund Release shall be no more than 90 days from the date of Apportionment.
- The District acknowledges that failure to submit a completed *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) within the 90-day period will result in the project being rescinded without further Board action.
- A rescinded application will revert back to an unfunded approval at the bottom of the unfunded list and cannot be guaranteed bonding authority. The application will receive a new unfunded approval date equivalent to the due date of the Form SAB 50-05.



Tips on Priority Funding Certification

REQUIRED TEXT

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- In the case that multiple rescissions are made by the Board, each separate application will be placed at the bottom of the unfunded approvals list in the order of the original unfunded approval date. The District will not be required to re-submit the application and no further application review will be required.
- The District acknowledges that by participating in the priority funding round, the District is waiving its right to a standard 18-month timeline for fund release submittal.

Tips on Priority Funding Certification

All certifications must be submitted to the following address:

Office of Public School Construction
Subject: Priority Funding Round
707 3rd Street
West Sacramento, California 95605

Monitor any mailed certifications by tracking the parcel and receiving delivery confirmation.



Financial Hardship Re-Review

As funding becomes available, the OPSC is ready to assist Financial Hardship Districts who require a Re-Review.

Financial Hardship Re-Review

- Financial Hardship (FH) Districts participating in the certification filing period that have had a project on an unfunded list for more than 180 days require a re-review.
- Applicable Districts are sent a notification letter and an unfunded review FH Checklist.
- Districts will have 15 calendar days to submit the requested documentation.
- Districts should submit the required information as soon as possible.
- The District does not have to re-establish its FH status.



Apportionments

March 2012 apportionments

- 15 projects
- Total \$56.8 million
- Deadline to submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) – June 26, 2012

If your project has an apportionment, be sure to meet your fund release requirements.



Fund Release

- Priority Funding - 90 days to submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05)
- Failure to submit a Form SAB 50-05 within the 90-day period will result in the project being rescinded
- A rescinded application will revert back to an unfunded approval
 - Bottom of the unfunded list
 - New unfunded approval date



Tips for Fund Release

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Incorrect project number on 50-05
- Required boxes are not checked
- No signature page of construction contract
- No Notice to Proceed
- No Labor Compliance Program contract
- No Department of Industrial Relations approval letters



Tips for Fund Release

- All Form SAB 50-05 and fund release request documents must be submitted to the following address:

Office of Public School Construction
707 3rd Street
West Sacramento, California 95605
- Monitor any mailed fund release requests by tracking the parcel and receiving delivery confirmation.



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Upcoming Events

Implementation Committee Meeting

April 13, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 447

Pre-State Allocation Board Meeting Forum

April 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Ziggurat Auditorium

707 Third Street, West Sacramento

State Allocation Board Meeting

April 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Location TBD



Thank you!

We value your input

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Please send comments and suggestions to:

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